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NATIONAL TRUST FOR WELFARE OF DISABLED
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a National Trust for welfare of persons with multiple disabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Trust has undertaken some activities in Delhi and outside; and

(d) if so, the details thereof with funds spent for each activity?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a & b) Yes, Sir. Government has constituted a National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities by an Act of Parliament dated 30th December, 1999. The objectives of the Trust are:-

(i) To enable and empower persons with disabilities to live as independently and fully as possible within or close to the community to which they belong.

(ii) To strengthen facilities to provide support to persons with disability to live within their own families.

(iii) To extend support to registered organisations to provide need based services during period of crisis in the family of persons with disability;

(iv) To deal with problems of persons with disability who do not have family support;

(v) To promote measures for the care and protection of persons with disability in the event of death of their parent or guardian;

(vi) To evolve procedures for the appointment of guardian and Trustees for Person with disability requiring such protection;

(vii) To facilitate the realization of equal opportunities, protection of rights and full participation of persons with disability; and

(viii) To do any other act which is incidental to the aforesaid objects.

(c) & (d) The National Trust has started functioning since July 2000. 78 districts level local levelcommittees have been constituted in 11 states (other than Delhi) and two Union Territories. Also 179 (3 in Delhi) organizations have been registered with the National Trust under Section 12 of the Act.

The National Trust has also launched the schemes of establishment of relief institutions and training of caregivers.

Awareness generation camps have been held in Kolkata and Ahmedabad and interaction has taken place with many State Governments. Since its inception the National Trust has till June, 2001 spent Rs.165529 on its activities.